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Washington State Ferries Meets with Keystone Citizen Advisory Group

(SEATTLE) Washington State Ferries (WSF) will meet with the Keystone Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) for the first time on Monday, June 7, 2004, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Camp Casey Conference Center, Auditorium B, at 1276 Engle Road on Whidbey Island in Coupeville, Washington. This will be the first of five anticipated meetings of the Keystone CAG taking place between June and October of 2004.

This first meeting of the CAG will focus on the scope of the CAG, and will include a review of the process and project background. Members of the public are welcome to view the proceedings and provide comment to the CAG at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Washington State Legislature directed the formation of the Keystone CAG in early 2004. The Legislature appropriated \$1 million for WSF to conduct a technical analysis to determine the viability of the existing Keystone Harbor for the Keystone – Port Townsend ferry route. The CAG will help guide the analysis. As directed by the legislature, the CAG is composed of one Washington State Ferries pilot; two regular users of the route and one tug boat pilot. The Washington State Transportation Commission officially appointed CAG members at their April meeting.

A representative of the Secretary of Transportation will also attend the CAG meetings.

For more information, please visit
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/improvement_projects/ptkey .

Created on June 1, 1951, Washington State Ferries (WSF) is the largest ferry system in the United States and the largest ferry system in the world based on vehicles carried annually (11+ million). Over 24 million people a year ride on Washington State Ferries. WSF has a fleet of 28 vessels and operates 20 terminals throughout Puget Sound, from Point Defiance in the south, to Sidney, B.C., in the north. Thousands of commuters, employers, students and commercial shippers depend on WSF every day for safe, reliable transportation across the Sound.